

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) A respirator face mask providing physiological protection, comprising:

- an oronasal face piece which is connectable to a respiratory gas source, said oronasal face piece having;

- a semi-flexible lip ~~element~~ with an edge designed to position said oronasal face piece on a user's face and,

- a hygienic protection system ~~means which are~~ removably positioned at least partly inside said ~~mask~~ ornasal face piece and including a first part which provides hygienic protection and a second part which ~~maintains~~ secures said hygienic protection system ~~means inside said mask~~,

wherein the edge of the semi-flexible lip returns toward the center of the oronasal face piece, defining an internal groove in the oronasal face piece, and said second part of the hygienic protection system expands radially in order to ~~co-operating~~ co-operate elastically with one of said semi-flexible lip element and the internal groove of the oronasal face piece.

21. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 20, wherein said first and second parts of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system include different materials.

22. Cancelled without prejudice

23. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in one claim 20, wherein a thin lip ~~element~~ insulation part of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system prolongs, in at least one

area, said second part, of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system, so as to extend a few millimeters beyond said edge of said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~.

24. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 23, wherein said thin lip ~~element~~ insulation part is prolonged over at least an external part of said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~.

25. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 20, wherein said first part of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system includes a filter which is permeable to respiratory gases.

26. (Previously Presented) The mask as claimed in claim 25, wherein said first part at least partly filters any infection from a user.

27. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 20, wherein said first part of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system has a corrugated shape, for reducing the pressure drop of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system.

28. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 27, wherein said corrugated shape corresponds to waves substantially centered about a central area of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system, so as to facilitate extraction of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system from said mask.

29. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 20 including a cord, attached to said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system, for facilitating extraction of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system from said mask.

30. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 20 wherein said second part of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system is made of silicone.

31. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim ~~20~~ 39, wherein said ~~first lip~~ insulation part of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system covers an area of said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~ which, in the absence of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system, would have been in contact with said user's face once said mask was in place on said user's face.

32. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim ~~20~~ 39, wherein said ~~second lip~~ securing part of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system includes an elastic thread gripping said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~.

33. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim ~~20~~ 39, wherein a flexible structure is placed between said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system and an internal part of said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~, said flexible structure extending beyond said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~.

34. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim ~~20~~ 39, wherein a flexible structure is placed outside said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system, and inside said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~ said extendible structure extending beyond said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~.

35. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim ~~20 including a~~ 39, wherein the lip securing part of said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system ~~which is located outside said semi-flexible lip element and including~~ comprises a structural part providing a seal between ~~a semi-flexible lip element~~ said oronasal face piece and said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system,

- ~~another part of and~~ said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system further comprises ~~which is located over an external area of said semi-flexible lip element which, in the absence of said hygienic protection means (4), would have been in contact with said user's face once said mask was in place on said user's face, and~~

— ~~yet another part of said hygienic protection means which is~~ a lip extension part designed to be pressed onto said user's face, by the effect of a pressure of respiratory gas

inside said mask, when said mask is worn, to provide a seal between said hygienic protection ~~means~~ system and said user's face.

36. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 35, wherein said structural part exerts a mechanical pressure on said semi-flexible lip ~~element~~, which is greater than a maximum pressure of respiratory gas, which can prevail inside said mask.

37. (Currently amended) The mask as claimed in claim 35, wherein ~~said three parts~~ the lip insulation part, the lip securing part, and the lip extension part are formed by a single elastic film.

38. (Previously Presented) The mask as claimed in claim 35, wherein said structural part includes an elastic thread.

39. (New) A respirator face mask providing physiological protection, comprising:

- an oronasal face piece which is connectable to a respiratory gas source, said oronasal face piece having a semi-flexible lip with an edge designed to position said oronasal face piece on a user's face and,
- a hygienic protection system which is removably positioned on the oronasal face piece, wherein the hygienic protection system comprises:
 - a lip insulation part which provides hygienic protection and is located over an external area of said semi-flexible lip extending up to said edge, and
 - a lip securing part located outside the oronasal face piece, and which is elastic and exerts a compressing pressure on the oronasal face piece in order to maintain the hygienic protection system on the oronasal face piece.

40. (New) The mask as claimed in claim 39, wherein the oronasal face piece has a maximum section, wherein the lip securing part is disposed on a side of the maximum

section, and wherein at least a portion of the lip insulation part is disposed on an opposite side of the maximum section.